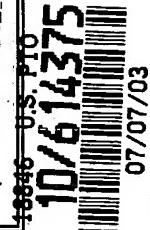


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- 33 Page(s) of Specification
- 3 Page(s) of Claims
- 1 Page(s) of Abstract
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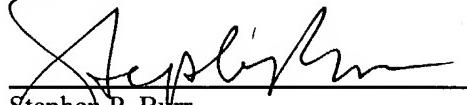
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